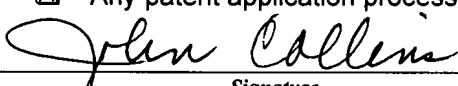
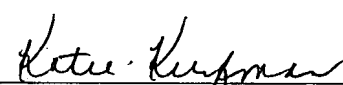
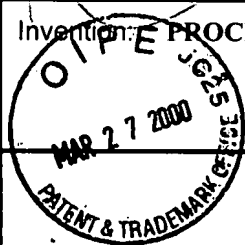


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Applicant(s):					
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Invention: PROCESS FOR THE CONTINUOUS MANUFACTURE OF SAUSAGES					
<u>TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Small Entity status of this application has been established under 37 CFR 1.27 by a verified statement previously submitted.					
<input type="checkbox"/> A verified statement to establish Small Entity status under 37 FR 1.27 is enclosed.					
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